

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SAIGON 07772 040328 Z

62

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 USIA-12 IO-12

DPW-01 EUR-25 NIC-01 RSR-01 /121 W
----- 101877

P R 040117 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1144

INFO USDEL JEC PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 7772

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON 3 MAY 73 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE:

BIEN HOA 0107

SUBJ: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 3 MAY 1973

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

1. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN MR 3 REMAINED AT A REDUCED LEVEL DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800 HOURS 3 MAY. THERE WERE 11 NVA/ VC INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED CONSISTING OF FIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), ONE GROUND CONTACT, TWO SNIPINGS, TWO MINE INCIDENTS AND ONE RAILROAD BRIDGE DESTROYED. TON LE CHAM RANGER BASE CAMP RECEIVED 56 ROUNDS OF MIXED 61 MM AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE, WOUNDING ONE RANGER. THE NVA/ VC AGAIN USED LOUDSPEAKERS ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE THE RANGERS TO SURRENDER THE CAMP. TWO SNIPING INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN GIA DINH PROVINCE: ONE OCCURRED THREE KMS WEST OF THU DUC DISTRICT TOWN WOUNDING ONE RF SOLDIER AND THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED THREE KMS NORTH OF GO VAP DISTRICT TOWN WOUNDING ANOTHER RF SOLDIER. ONE VC WAS KILLED WHEN FRIENDLIES RETURNED FIRE. AN ESTIMATED PLATOON SIZE COMMUNIST FORCE LAUNCHED A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST THE 346 TH RF COMPANY EIGHT KMS SOUTHWEST OF TAN UYEN DISTRICT TOWN, BIEN HOA PROVINCE. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AND NVA/ VC CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN. AT 1800 HOURS 2 MAY COMMUNISTS DETONATED EXPLOSIVE CHARGES ON A RAILROAD BRIDGE APPROXI-

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SAIGON 07772 040328 Z

MATELY 10 KMS WEST OF XUAN OINTMENT, YOU MAY PROVIDE SUCH HELP.

3. BEFORE ALIOTO' S ARRIVAL IN PARIS YOU SHOULD ALERT THE PRC EMBASSY TO HIS INTEREST IN SEEING THEM AND IN PERSUADING THEM TO TAKE THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT TO SAN FRANCISCO. EXPLAIN TO THE CHINESE THAT YOU WILL TELL ALIOTO DECISIONS ON THE ITINERARY ARE BEING MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. SAY THAT HE MAY NEVERTHELESS WANT TO CALL ON THEM AND THAT, IF SO, YOU WILL PROBABLY CALL AND ASK FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON HIS BEHALF. THE PRC EMB ASSY SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS BEING RENDERED AS A COURTESY BECAUSE OF ALIOTO' S POSITION AS MAYOR OF ONE OF THE MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT IN ANY WAY CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT OF HIS PROPOSAL.

4. AS A GENERAL RULE, YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR PRIVATE AMERICANS. AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL, YOU MAY WISH TO OBTAIN FROM THE PRC EMBASSY THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF AN OFFICER TO WHOM YOU MIGHT REFER PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS. IF PRESSED BY PRIVATE AMERICANS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS, YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT AN OFFICIAL CALL TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WOULD IMPLY TO THE CHINESE ENDORSEMENT OF WHATEVER THE AMERICAN PARTY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS AND THAT YOU ARE, OF COURSE, NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE SUCH ENDORSEMENT.

5. IN CASES WHICH APPEAR TO WARRANT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, THE EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. ROGERS

CONFIDENTIAL
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON07772
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730536/aaahtvs.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 16 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16-Aug-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <03-Oct-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 971203
Subject: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 3 MAY 1973 E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS
TAGS: PINS, n/a
To: EA
JEC PARIS
SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005